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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF DOT SECRETARY BROCK ADAMS PRESS
CONFERENCE AT PARIS AIR SHOW

1. AT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS' PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 4 AT THE US PAVILION AT THE PARIS AIR SHOW, THE JOURNALISTS PRESENT CONFINED THEIR QUESTIONS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION TO THE US-UK NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCORDE. (THE EXCEPTION WAS A QUESTION ON HOW THE USG COULD HELP PREVENT AIR SHOW ACCIDENTS SUCH AS THAT WHICH OCCURRED WITH THE FAIRCHILD A-10 THE PREVIOUS DAY. SECRETARY ADAMS REPLIED THAT THE USG HAS LITTLE CONTROL OVER PRIVATE COMPANIES. TESTING OF ANY NEW AIRCRAFT WAS A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION, AND THE MOST THE USG COULD DO WAS TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS NOT TO EXCEED SAFETY LIMITS IN THEIR TESTING.

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ON THE US-UK NEGOTIATIONS CAME AT

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THE OUTSET MAINLY FROM BRITISH JOURNALISTS PRESENT, WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHETHER THE US-UK TALKS MIGHT BE BROKEN OFF. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT HE WAS IN FREQUENT TOUCH WITH ALAN BOYD AND THE LATEST WORD FROM LONDON WAS ENCOURAGING IN THAT APPARENTLY SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE . THERE SEEMED TO BE NO LIKLIHOOD TALKS WOULD BE

BROKEN OFF. SEVERAL ISSUES WERE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, BUT OF THESE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT WERE CAPACITY, DESIGNATION OF ROUTES, AND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. THESE THREE ISSUES HAD RAMIFICATION GOING FAR BEYOND THE US-UK CIVIL AIR RELATIONSHIP IN THAT THE OUTCOME WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AND THEIR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THESE GENERALITIES BUT WOULD LEAVE ANY OTHER COMMENT TO ALAN BOYD.

3. FRENCH NEWSMEN PRESENT WERE IMPATIENT TO MOVE ON TO QUESTIONING OF SECRETARY ADAMS ON WHAT THEY INDICATED WAS THEIR TOPIC OF NUMBER ONE INTEREST, NAMELY, CONCORDE. FIRST QUESTIONER SAID FRENCH HAD THE IMPRESSION OF BEING "STRUNG ALONG" BECAUSE OF CONTINUAL DELAY IN US OVER NEW YORK LANDING RIGHTS AND HE ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF US INTERNAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CONCORDE. IN REPLY SECRETARY ADAMS NOTED THAT EXCEPT FOR BAN ON SUPERSONIC OVERFLIGHT NO FEDERAL STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SST OPERATIONS YET EXISTED. HE HAD REAFFIRMED COLEMAN DECISION SO THAT CONCORDE TEST COULD TAKE PLACE PROVIDING INFO HELPFUL TO US IN ITS EVENTUAL DECISION. WHILE DULLES WAS FEDERALLY OWNED, OTHER US AIRPORTS INCLUDING JFK WERE NOT AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTION OF THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. CONCORDE WAS SUBJECT OF LAWSUIT TODAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER FEDERAL RIGHT AUTHORIZING UNCLASSIFIED

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FLIGHTS TO MOVE INTO A GIVEN AREA WAS SUPERIOR TO LOCAL RIGHT TO PROTECT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. MANY EUROPEAN AIRPORTS HAD INSTITUTED CURFEWS, AND TO A LESSER DEGREE VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS HAD ALSO BEEN IMPOSED AT SEVERAL US AIRPORTS. HOWEVER, SUCH RESTRICTIONS HAD ALSO BEEN IMPOSED FOR REASONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NOT FOR COMMERCIAL OR COMPETITIVE REASONS. US PROCEDURES WERE ADMITTEDLY, LONG, AND THIS WAS OFTEN A SUBJECT OF ANNOYANCE TO US COMPANIES AS WELL, BUT THE DELAY STEMMED FROM THE FACT THAT THERE WERE SO MANY LAWS AND REGULATIONS WITH WHICH WE MUST CONFORM.

4. SECRETARY ADAMS WAS OF COURSE ASKED WHAT USG COULD REPLY TO APPEALS COURT'S REQUEST FOR USG VIEWS IN THE CONCORDE LAWSUIT. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR FINAL PREPARATION OF USG SUBMISSION WHICH WOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PRESS

ONLY AFTER SUBMISSION TO THE COURT ON JUNE 6.

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5. A JOURNALIST ASKED WHY, IF AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT
FEDERAL DECISIONS WERE BINDING ON ALL THE STATES,
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT IMPOSE ITS DECISION
ON NEW YORK AND PLACE ON NEW YORK THE BURDEN OF
CONTESTING IT IN THE COURTS. IN REPLY SECRETARY
ADAMS EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION NO
CITIZEN OR STATE COULD BE DEPRIVED OF PROPERTY
WITHOUT DUE PROCESS AND STATES COULD ESTABLISH
POLICE AND REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY.
THERE WAS ALSO THE FEDERAL RIGHT TO PROTECT TRAFFIC
AND COMMERCE AMONG THE STATES. THESE ISSUES HAD
COLLIDED IN THE CONCORDE CASE. EACH PARTY--THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE NEW YORK AUTHORITIES, AND
THE TWO CARRIERS--HAD EXERCISED WHAT IT CONSIDERED
TO BE ITS RIGHTS, AND THE DIFFERENCES THAT HAD
DEVELOPED WERE NOW HAVING TO BE RESOLVED BY THE
COURTS. ANOTHER ISSUE INVOLVED WAS THE DEGREE TO
WHICH CONGRESS HAD AUTHORIZED DOT TO ESTABLISH
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AND IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS . ALSO RAISED WAS THE WHOLE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY LIABLE FOR NOISE SUITS THROUGHOUT THE US IF LOCAL AUTHORITIES NO LONGER INCURRED LIABILITY THROUGH PROTECTION OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT. IT WAS BECAUSE LOCAL SITUATIONS DIFFERED THAT WE LET LOCAL AIRPORTS SET THEIR OWN RULES. WE HAVE NOT APPLIED OUR DOMESTIC RULES TO CONCORDE, SAID THE SECRETARY, BECAUSE CONCORDE COULD NOT MEET THE RULES WE ARE APPLYING TO OUR DOMESTIC FLEET. SST'S ARE A WHOLE NEW CATEGORY ALONGSIDE FAR 36 NOISE RULES APPLICABLE TO SUBSONIC AIRCRAFT.

6. APROPOS OF THE REFERENCE TO SST RULES A JOURNALIST COMMENTED THAT CONCORDE WOULD FLY OVER US TERRITORY SUBSONICALLY. HE CITED RECENT PRESS STORIES OF AN FAA REPORT THAT MANY LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS OF SUBSONIC AIRCRAFT AT JFK WERE LOUDER THAN CONCORDE OPERATIONS. HE THEN ASKED WHAT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE WORTH IF EITHER SIDE DID NOT LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS. THE SECRETARY CITED EPNDB FIGURES INDICATING CONCORDE WAS LOUDER ON TAKEOFF THAN SUBSONIC JETS. DOT HAD BEEN VERY CAREFUL IN APPROACHING THE SUBJECT OF SST RULES. AS FOR NOISE LEVELS AT JFK, DOT IS TRYING TO DETERMINE THE ACCURACY OF THE PORT AUTHORITY'S NOISE READINGS. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT A GIVEN PERCENTAGE OF AIRCRAFT NOW OPERATING INTO JFK VIOLATED THE PORT AUTHORITY'S NOISE STANDARD. THE PORT AUTHORITY HAS TOLD DOT THAT AIRCRAFT DEPARTING NEW YORK MEET THAT STANDARD. IF THIS WAS NOT TRUE HE EXPECTED THAT WE WOULD SOON HEAR OF IT. AS TO INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE CHICAGO CONVENTIONS PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION AS BETWEEN

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INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT AND HE SAID THAT THE USG WOULD FULLY ENFORCE THIS.

7. IN ITS STORY REPORTING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, THE OFFICIAL FRENCH NEWS AGENCY, FEATURED SECRETARY ADAMS' MENTION OF THE NEED TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE PORT AUTHORITY'S NOISE

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READINGS. AFP'S BRIEF STORY CONCLUDES: "OBSERVERS NOTED THAT MR. ADAMS REFRAINED FROM EXPRESSING ANY FEDERAL OR PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE GRANTING OF A TRIAL PERIOD FOR THE AIRCRAFT AT NEW YORK, WHEREAS HE HAD INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT WEEKS THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR (OF A TRIAL PERIOD)." THIS LAST POINT IS ALL THAT THE NEWSPAPER LE FIGARO CHOSE TO MENTION ON JUNE IN MAKING PASSING REFERENCE TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN A STORY ON THE THEN STILL PENDING USG SUBMISSION TO THE APPEALS COURT. (COMMENT: AFP AND LE FIGARO WERE CLEARLY IN ERROR SINCE, AS NOTED ABOVE, SECRETARY ADAMS REITERATED THAT HE HAD CONFIRMED THE COLEMAN DECISION.)

9. THE COMMUNIST DAILY, L'HUMANITE, IN A LONG CONCORDE STORY ON ITS BACK PAGE, SAW LITTLE BASIS FOR OPTIMISM IN SECRETARY ADAMS' REMARKS.
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THE DOSSIER IS "DISTORTED" AND THE "SMOKESCREEN"
CONTINUES, SAID L'HUMANITE.

10. THE FULLEST ACCOUNT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE
APPEARED IN L'AURRORE ON JUNE 6, IN THE
STORY WRITTEN BY GEORGES MERCHIER, WHO IS
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH AEROSPACE
JOURNALISTS. SECRETARY ADAMS WAS CAREFUL TO AVOID
COMMITTING HIMSELF TO CONCORDE'S FUTURE, WROTE
MERCHIER, THUS LEAVING THE "DISAGREEABLE IMPRESSION"
THAT IT IS NOT TOMORROW THAT CONCORDE WILL BE AT
NEW YORK. IN HIS STORY MERCHIER GAVE A FAIRLY
ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
INVOLVED AS SECRETARY ADAMS HAD DESCRIBED THEM,
BUT FOR MERCHIER THE QUESTION OF POTENTIAL FEDERAL
LIABILITY FOR NOISE SUITS WAS OBVIOUSLY "THE HEART
OF THE CONFLICT."
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